

20 December 1968.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, European Division

SUBJECT : Briefing of Mr. George Murphy, Deputy Chief
of Staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic
Energy.

1. On 19 December I accompanied the Legislative Counsel, Mr. John Maury, to Mr. George Murphy's office in response to the latter's request for a briefing on the current security problems of NATO. Mr. Murphy opened the discussion by explaining in some detail the reasons for his desire for as much information as possible on current European security cases related, or potentially related, to NATO. This boils down to the fact that Murphy feels the need for specific ammunition to use, primarily against the Department of Defense and secondarily against the State Department, in a running battle he is having with those agencies on the question of passage of sensitive nuclear weapons information to NATO countries. Murphy's contention is that the periodic visits of teams sent by the National Disclosure Policy Committee to NATO countries to examine procedures for handling classified U.S. information are meaningless boondoggles, and yet the optimistic reports of these teams are constantly cited by the proponents of giving more nuclear data to our allies.

2. Against this background, I undertook to review for Mr. Murphy the current situation. I told him that, to the

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7. In summarizing his views, Mr. Murphy said he was of course familiar with Mr. Helms' frequently-expressed opinion that NATO has no real security against Soviet Bloc penetration, and he agrees completely with this, but it is hard to get naive people elsewhere in the U.S. Government to accept this as an article of faith, without being able to prove it to them by citing specific cases. Hence, his thirst for details on such cases as those we had been discussing.

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As you recall, in our discussion the other day you were going to put your own note at least on DCI's copy with your suggestion for handling Murphy and the various subcommittees.

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Office of Legislative Counsel

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